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**RESPONSE B**

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2009, having a response due date of June 19, 2009. Please charge Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Claims 9-16 are pending in the application. Claim 9 is independent.

**The Claimed Invention**

An exemplary embodiment of the claimed invention, as recited by, for example, independent claim 9, is directed to a dishwasher comprising at least one Peltier element operatively associated with the air guidance system and disposed within the closed air flow path in a manner wherein a cooling side of the Peltier element is disposed within the air flow path and is configured for removing heat energy from and thereby drying air in the first condition passing thereacross, and a second warming side of the Peltier element